Chair to tell him that, I would like to suggest that in such a case as this it is better to give notice of the subject in the form of a short-notice question. The motion is inadmissible.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now, motions for elections.

Election to the Committee of Privileges.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—Sir, I move:

"That this Assembly do proceed to the election of four Members to the Committee of Privileges in accordance with rule 171 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That this Assembly do proceed to the election of four Members to the Committee of Privileges in accordance with rule 171 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair desires to inform the House that for the purpose of election of four Members to the Committee of Privileges the Office of the Secretary will be open to receive notice of candidature up to 11 A.M. on Saturday, the 5th July 1952 and that the election, if necessary, will take place on Thursday, the 10th July 1952 in the Secretary's room between the hours of 3 P.M. and 5 P.M. The election will be conducted in the manner set out in sub-rule (2) of rule 171 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly in accordance with the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

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Election to the House Committee.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—I move:

"That this Assembly do proceed to the election of six Members to the House Committee for the Assembly in accordance with rule 175 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That this Assembly do proceed to the election of six members to the House Committee for the Assembly in accordance with rule 175 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair desires to inform the House that for the purpose of election of six Members to the House Committee for the Legislative Assembly, the Office of the Secretary will be open to receive notice of the candidature up to 3 P.M. on Monday, the 7th July 1952 and that the election, if necessary, will take place on Friday, the 11th July 1952 in the Secretary's room between the hours of 3 P.M. and 5 P.M. The election will be conducted in the manner set out in sub-rule (3) of rule 175 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly in accordance with the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

Recognition of Opposition Party.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—Sir, I just want to know whether the question of recognising the Opposition Party is still pending consideration with the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That will be finally decided by tomorrow.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—May I say this Sir? I do not want that this matter should be pressed to any decision at your hands.

(SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA.)

We are new to the House and naturally the Opposition Party takes some time to consolidate its position. Therefore, the objection that was raised on behalf of the Congress Party need not be pressed. Let the Opposition and its Leader continue with the *status quo* and I am sure, experienced legislators as they are, they will be able to see that the Opposition Party develops on proper lines.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur). Well Sir, I thank the Leader of the House for the view he has taken. But I submit it is a matter entirely left to the Chair and that whatever the Chair decides, will be binding on us. Only one thing I want to point out. So far as this matter is concerned, it is open to you to consult the Leader of the House or anybody else personally, as Speaker. But it is not a matter which should be the subject of debate in this House. Recognition or non-recognition of Parties is a matter entirely left to the Speaker and whatever decision the Chair gives will be binding on us. It is open to you to take whatever decision. I appreciate that the Leader of the House has expressed that he is interested in strengthening the Opposition.

Statement by the Speaker *re*: Presence of the Police in the Gallery.

Mr. SPEAKER.—After question-hour yesterday a Member, I remember, Sri Vasan, wanted to know from me whether any officer of the Special Branch of the Police Department had been permitted to watch the Members and take notes of the proceedings of the House. I informed the Member that no officer or official of the Police Department was present in the Hall in his official capacity.

Soon after this statement by the Member, the Secretary got into communication with the Deputy Inspector-General of Police in order to ascertain the facts. He has been informed officially that no special Branch Officer is deputed either to maintain watch over Members or to take notes of proceedings.

As the allegation by the Member, if true, would raise a serious and important case of privilege, I was anxious to ascertain the facts. As Hon'ble Members are aware, the entire responsibility for maintaining order within the precincts of the House rests exclusively on the Speaker and the Executive has no jurisdiction whatsoever. Every Hon'ble Member has a right to demand the fullest freedom from the Executive within the precincts of the Assembly Hall and I can assure him that he will have it. At the same time, I might mention that an officer from the Police Department does not by virtue of his official position get disqualified from attending the Assembly as a visitor. It is only where he uses the permission given to him to attend as a visitor to discharge any part of his official duties, that the matter assumes a different complexion.

In view of this statement, I hope the Hon'ble Member who raised this question will feel satisfied.

BUDGET FOR 1952-53—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS— *contd.*

SECOND STAGE—*contd.*

Demand No. 11.—General Administration.

25. General Administration (Except the sub-major heads B.C. & F.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 20,98,700 be granted to the Government to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1953, in respect of 'General Administration (Except sub-major heads B.C. and F.)'"

Effecting economy in Secretariat.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, I move :

"That the demand under the head "25. General Administration